







## AMUSEMENTS

PRINCE OF WALES OPENS A HOUSE.  
To the Ladies and Gentlemen of Sydney.—In consequence of the popularity of THE TEMPEST, it will be repeated TO-NIGHT, and every evening during the two following weeks. Seats can be secured in the Dress Circle for any of the nights.

THIS EVENING (Saturday).

THE TEMPEST,

or  
THE ENCHANTED ISLE.

Supported by the Prince of Wales Star Company.

To conclude with  
A FAMILY FAILING.

THE STORM SCENE OF THE TEMPEST commences at 8 precisely.

This scene has been pronounced by several nautical men to be the perfect VERSO OF THE YELLOW SANDS.

The appearance of Ariel! This is also a working scene, and exhibits a calm sea, with the approaching and receding ripples. The song, "Come unto these yellow sands, the wind five," the invisible chorus, the sea symphony, grand tableau.

Act 2nd and 3rd.

THE INTERIOR OF THE ISLAND!

A SCENE OF TROPICAL MAGNIFICENCE!

THE KING OF NAPLES and his TRAIN!

ANOTHER PART OF THE ISLAND!

The Jester and the Savage—The Drunken Butler—Caliban's Song.

Before PROSPERO'S CELL.

The Lovers. The ENCHANTED GLEN.

Stolen appearance of Prospero and Ariel!

THE HARP'S SONG.—Terror Stricken Lords—GRAND TABLEAU!

Act 4.—THE VISION! THE MASQUE!

It is the language of Gods!

THE TEMPEST—ELIZABETH!

JUNO IN HER CAR DRAWN BY PEACOCKS: attended by Cora, Iris, and the Seagulls.

BLISSFUL DANCE BY NYMPHS and REAPERS.

The Conspiracy Defeated—Comic Desouement.

Act 5.—The Invocation—The Magic Circle—The Spell.

Scare—Where the bog sucks!—(Ariel)—The Charn Discovered—The Restoration of Ferdinand—The Reconciliation.

MAGICAL TRANSFORMATION!

THE EPilogue—ARIEL in MID AIR—FINAL TABLEAU.

THE TEMPEST.

THE STORM.

THE ISLAND.

THE YELLOW SANDS.

PRINCE OF WALES EVERY NIGHT—THE TEMPEST.

NOTICE.—For the convenience of Families desirous of bringing their children, the TEMPEST will be over a little after 10 o'clock.

THE THEATRE ROYAL, ADELPHI.

The greatest success ever achieved in Australia.

Fourth Night of Water Phillips' superb drama of LOVE IN LONDON.

recovered by a brilliant production and select audience with thrilling enthusiasm. Grand triumph of the Adelphi management. New scenery and stage effects, surpassing anything in "After Dark."

This was the most brilliant drama produced under the sole direction of GEORGE SIMMS, EVERY EVENING will further notice.

Special Notice.—Select military prices, and perfect order maintained in the auditorium of this Bijou Theatre.

• The critical attention of "all the press" is politely requested.

The new management of this thoroughly "restored" place of amusement will continue to do their best to merit the entire commandation of the "Fourth Estate."

PEOPLE'S CONCERTS.—THE SONS OF TEMPERANCE will give a GRAND CONCERT, THIS (Saturday) EVENING, October 2nd, 1869, in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street.

J. DAVIES, M.W.A., in the Chair.

PROGRAMME.

Part I.—The Odester tenor—Mr. Jackson, Miss James, Miss Jackson and Andrew Fairfax.

Duet—"Soft fell the dew of summer night!"—Miss Wissman and Miss Martin.

Song—"The lone little Maid"!—(Glover)—Mrs. G. F. Jackson.

Recitation—The Field of Waterloo, with accompaniment—Mr. Sinclair.

Song—"The May Queen"!—(Tennyson)—Miss Wissman.

Ballad—"My first friend, farewell!"—(Frankel)—Mr. Andrew Fairfax.

Carols—"Roberto, the adored"—Miss James.

Song—"Nim"!—(Hobbs)—Mr. G. F. Jackson.

Recitation—"The Mouse and the Rat!"—Mr. A. Cameron.

Duet—"Gently sigh the breeze!"—(Glover)—Miss James.

Comic Song—"I'll teach your little Bird to whistle!"—Song and whistled by Mr. Russell.

Part II.

FUN! THE FAMOUS WOOD MINSTRELS!

The original Marmonite Minstrel Band, as produced in New York in 1864, and whose performances everywhere have created great amusement and excitement. They are unusually pronounced the greatest set of blockheads in existence.

PROGRAMME OF THE MINSTREL CONCERT.

1. Overture by the Band.

2. Song and chorus—The Little Niggers.

3. Chorus from Faust (a Long Way).

Part III.

THE SUPERNATURAL VISION!

in which Mr. Haller will be assisted by his sister, HAYDEE.

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Open at half-past 7, to commence at 8 o'clock.

2. Dances Reserved Chairs, 5s; Faust, 2s, 6d; Gallery, 1s.

3. Infants one guinea. Children over 12s, 2s; Infants under 12s, 1s.

4. Dress Reserved Chairs, 2s, 6d; Faust, 1s, 6d.

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mental incapacity. In 1869 men must inevitably, if they take any part in public affairs, act in conformity with the opinions that even ten years ago they rejected.

It is, however, no less to dwell upon the character of our debates, or to expect any salutary change. Several of our public men are no longer young. They have seen life in most of its phases and the excuse of violence is therefore lost in the obligation of growing years. If people, however, do not acquire a greater self-control as time passes on, they become less sensible to shame, and less amenable to law. The original tendencies of their nature are strengthened by habit. They lose the consciousness of wrong doing, and therefore the last chance of reformation. But expostulation is all in vain! "Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?"

We very much mistake the general temper of the people if they accept as satisfactory the explanations given by the Ministry with regard to the expenditure of £50,000 on the new refreshment room for the Houses of Parliament. It was, indeed, stated by one member of the Opposition that the work was commenced by mistake, and through an inadvertence on the part of the Minister with whom the matter rested. This explanation was neither admitted nor denied; but if it is true, the affair was an unlucky blunder, and it would have been simpler to have acknowledged the mistake than to have set up an excuse which will not be accepted as satisfactory. As the money was not actually voted, the Government was not under any absolute compulsion to spend it, and, as would seem from the tone of their speeches, they individually disapproved of the expenditure, they were quite safe from censure in withholding the outlay until it was fully and formally sanctioned.

It certainly wears an unfavourable aspect for members of Parliament to be providing what is pure luxury for themselves at a time when they are snipping the salaries of the public servants and turning many adrift to find, amid the sharp competition of bad times, some fresh method of earning a living.

Any expenditure that really assists hon. members to perform the work of legislation is, on the face of it, justifiable. The country desires nothing better than that those whom it sends to Parliament should do their work there with thorough efficiency, not would anything be grudged to their reasonable comfort and assistance. The only excuse for considering a restaurant as part of the legislative machinery is, that many members reside at a distance from the Parliament House, and that it might be difficult always to keep a House together, if hon. members had to wander abroad in search of refreshment. Some of them may, perhaps, come to their evening duties after a long and exhausting day's business, or a long evening's sitting may require some interval for refreshment. But for all that is absolutely necessary in this way, a very moderate provision would suffice. Special attractions are not needed to induce members to make the banqueting room their favourite lounge, and to tempt them to the pleasures of the table when their minds ought to be directed energetically to the public business. A flaring gin-shop at the corner of the street is, perhaps, appropriately decorated regardless of expense. The proprietor has a special object to serve in making his house attractive and inducing fools of all grades to spend their pence there. But the charms of a gin palace ought to be, if they are not, thrown away upon those whom the country chooses to express its collective wisdom. If architecture is intended to be symbolic, it certainly expresses an unhappy idea that the chief expenditure and the most elaborate ornamentation in the Parliament House should be lavished on the room devoted to animal gratification. The new room is, par excellence, the room of the whole structure. Everything else is plain and unpretentious, but this is sumptuous.

The old room, it is said, was not big enough. It was big enough to be very mischievous. We state the simple truth when we say that it was responsible for a great deal of useless prolongation of debate, for many breaches of order, for much rancorous recrimination, and for many unseemly scenes. During an ordinary debate, those who have nothing to say, and who do not feel that they have anything to learn, feel the need of something—*pour passer le temps*. A studious member scrolls into the library and reads a book, but there are some to whom any instructive reading is a painful process. The temptation to lounge into the refreshment-room is to the indolent almost irresistible, and it will be stronger than ever now that the gilded saloon is the most attractive place in the whole building. When members are legislating for the general public, they think it proper to insert in a Licensed Victuellers' Bill a clause making it penal to sell intoxicating liquor to those who have already visibly had too much. It is to be hoped that they will apply the principle strictly to the trade of the new Parliamentary tap, and see that the bar at the sign of the "Hall of Wisdom," sets an example in this respect to all the more plebian bars throughout the country.

Even if during the course of an evening a moderate amount of refreshment is requisite, there is no necessity to prolong that restaurant business up to a late hour. It might prove to be a very salutary arrangement if the Usher of the Black Rod were commissioned to lock the door of the saloon at 10 o'clock, and place the key on the Speaker's desk. Such a plan might, perhaps, promote an early closing movement, and save some midnight squabbles. It would be highly interesting to the public, too, if a sessional return were printed of the money nightly taken at the Parliamentary bar, for figures served to thirsty legislators. The people who are legislated for would thereby be enabled to gain some idea as to what might be considered the proper average allowance as determined by the wiser.

So far as absolute exhaustion is concerned no member has a more laborious duty to perform than the SPEAKER has. Except in the case of an orator who cannot explain himself in less than four hours, no one's mind is subjected to so severe and continuous a strain as that of the SPEAKER. He is obliged to sit and listen to everything, and if he is not compelled to follow the argument (which indeed is sometimes impossible), he has at least to watch the expressions; and if his physical necessities were to be judged by the standard that some ambulatory members seem to establish for themselves, he would be having nobblers brought in to him at pretty frequent intervals. But if it is not necessary for brandy to make repeated visits to the SPEAKER, it can hardly be necessary for those who are neither speakers nor listeners to make frequent visits to the brandy.

**TELEGRAPHIC MESSAGES.**  
[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS]

## MARYBOROUGH. FRIDAY.

The escort from the Gypsys digging brought down 4000 canoes of gold.  
Gold has been taken for copper mining purposes on the Bar Bar run.

## MELBOURNE. FRIDAY.

The racehorses Manuka and Peacock arrived from New Zealand in the Queen, in condition.

The A. A. Insurance Company have declared a dividend of 10 per cent.

The Warrenship distillery declares no dividend.

Mr. McCulloch and his partner hold stations to the amount of 375,000 acres, at a rental of £1300 per annum; the greater part of which it is asserted was taken up in contemplation of the construction of the Ovens line of railway, and chiefly reserved from selection. The Argus has a strong leader on the subject.

Blueskin won the Ballarat Hunt Steeplechase.

It is stated in the Wellington (N. Z.) newspapers that the Admiralty are not satisfied with the Himalaya being seen without the troops.

Mr. Pool has been nominated in opposition to Mr. Longmore, Mr. Patrick Murphy against Mr. McDonnell, Mr. Muoro against Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Roche against Mr. Byrne, and Mr. Samuel against Mr. Keane.

Mr. Groves, author of the Weather Tables, lectured yesterday evening on the forthcoming tidal wave on the 4th October; he said it would not much affect Victoria, but would more so Queenstown; he predicted there would be high tides to-morrow along the coast.

ARRIVED.—Berenicia, from Charente; at 6 p.m. City of Adelaide (s.), from Sydney.

## QUEENSLIFF. FRIDAY.

ARRIVED.—Sarah Ann, barque, and Tower Hill, brig, from Newcastle.

SAILER.—At 3 p.m., Dandenong (s.), for Sydney.

## HOBART TOWN. FRIDAY.

A despatch from Earl Granville states that the Flying Squadron will visit Hobart Town before proceeding to Sydney.

The markets are falling.

ARRIVED.—City of Hobart (s.), from Sydney.

## ADELAIDE. FRIDAY.

The new Prison Bill has been read a first time. It gives the Sheriff the supreme control of all the prisons in the colony.

Ninety thousand shares have been applied for in the new Mercantile Insurance Company.

The cargo of sugars ex Sarah was offered at auction to-day, and all sold at prices fully sustaining last rates.

The corn market is extremely dull; reliable quotations are impossible.

LATE NEWS BY THE MAIL.

(Translated for the Sydney Morning Herald chiefly from the *Semaphore* of the 13th and 14th August.)

## TELEGRAMS.

MADRID, 11th AUGUST.

All the bands have disappeared, but it is reported that the Rebel Chief, Estaritas, has made his way over the French frontier to Catalonia, and got together a body of 400 men.

MADRID, 12TH AUGUST.

The report of the entry into this country of the Imperial Chief, Estaritas, by the French frontier has not been confirmed. The band in Catalonia is reported to be less than 400 men. The Bishops are beginning to return favourable replies to the Ministerial circular against revolutionary priests.

ACCIO, in CORTINA, 12TH AUGUST.

The Forest Domain of Mariano has been on fire since 4 o'clock last night. Thanks to the vicinity to the Cassola, the fire has been easily extinguished.

ACCIO, 13TH AUGUST.

Yesterday the Emperor signed several amnesty decrees in respect of offenses by persons writing for the Press and in regard to political trials.

MADRID, 12TH AUGUST.

The Imperial says that there are troubles at Malaga, and that a republican movement is to be expected.

VINCI, 11TH AUGUST.

According to the Press of Vienna a commission, composed of members taken from the different Ministries, is to be appointed to prepare a Bill for the purpose of subjecting to the law already in force as regards associations.

MADRID, 13TH AUGUST.

The news that the Rebel Chief, Estaritas, has received information of a conspiracy of rebels in the Spanish territory has proved to be unfounded. Two little bands have been discovered in the province of Valencia, but they have been vigorously repelled by the authorities.

SR. PATRASARIO, 12TH AUGUST.

The assertion of the *Press of Prussia* during the session of the Senate on the asserted exchange of letters between the King of Prussia and the Emperor of Russia has received confirmation from the Khedive of Egypt to the Emperor of Russia. There is no such letter in existence.

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BERLIN, 13TH AUGUST.

The loan of twelve million pounds has been signed with the Ottoman Sultan.

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